AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete, marked-up listing of revised claims with a status identifier in parenthesis, underlined text indicating insertions, and strike through and/or double-bracketed text indicating deletions.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1.   (Currently Amended) A ~~Method~~ method of ~~storage~~ storing and ~~transmission of~~ transmitting information generated by a first security module connected to a user unit, ~~this~~ the first security module ~~comprising~~ includes a unique identifier and specific information representative of its functioning, ~~this~~ the first security module being able to be replaced by a second security module, ~~this~~ the method comprising ~~the following steps~~:

- ~~determination of~~ determining the specific information contained in the first security module intended for transmission,

- ~~transfer of this~~ transferring the specific information [[in]] into the user unit,

- ~~storage of this~~ storing the specific information in the user unit,

- ~~replacement of~~ replacing the first security module by the second security module,

- ~~connection~~ connecting of the user unit on a transmission network,

- ~~initialization of~~ initializing a transfer of information between the second security module and a management center, and

- ~~insertion by~~ inserting the user unit, of a data block in the blocks transmitted by the second security module, ~~this~~ the data block ~~comprising~~ includes the identifier of the first security module and the data specific to ~~said~~ the first security module.

2.   (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ of ~~storage~~ storing and ~~transmission~~ transmitting according to claim 1, wherein the transfer of the specific information of the first security module is carried out at regular interval.

3.   (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ of ~~storage~~ storing and ~~transmission~~ transmitting according to claim 1, wherein the transfer of the specific information of the first security module is carried out each time the ~~said~~ information is modified.

4.   (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ of storing ~~storage~~ and transmitting ~~transmission~~ according to claim 1, wherein the transfer of the specific information is stopped after the replacement of the first security module by the second security module.

5.   (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ of storing ~~storage~~ and transmitting ~~transmission~~ according to claim 4, wherein the transfer of the specific information is authorized as soon as a successful connection with the management center has been carried out.

6.   (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ of storing ~~storage~~ and transmitting ~~transmission~~ according to claim 4, wherein the transfer of the specific information is authorized by a command sent by the management center.

7.   (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ of storing ~~storage~~ and transmitting ~~transmission~~ according to claim 2, wherein the transfer of the specific information is

stopped after the replacement of the first <u>security</u> module by the second security module.

8. (Currently Amended) <u>The method</u> ~~Method~~ of ~~storage~~ <u>storing</u> and <u>transmitting</u> ~~transmission~~ according to claim 3<u>,</u> wherein the transfer of the specific information is stopped after the replacement of the first <u>security</u> module by the second security module.